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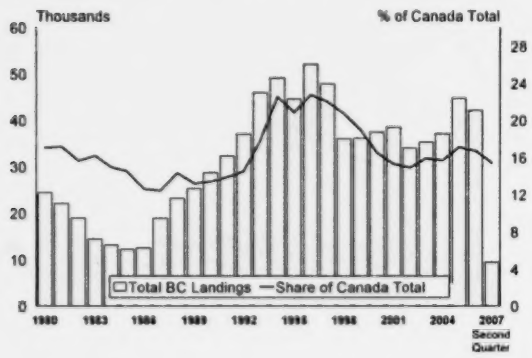
B.C. immigrant landings increased markedly in the third quarter of 2007 from the same quarter of 2006 ...

In the third quarter of 2007, 12,172 new landed immigrants arrived in British Columbia. This level was higher than the 11,016 immigrants landed in B.C. during the third quarter of 2006. B.C.'s share of total immigrants to Canada also increased during this period. During the three months between July and September 2007, B.C. received 17.0 per cent of all arrivals to Canada, higher than the 15.7 per cent B.C. attracted in the same period of 2006.

B.C. Immigration and Share of Canada Total



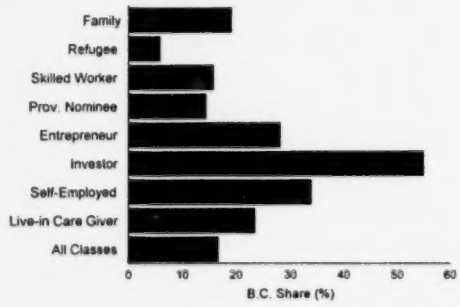
Total immigrant arrivals to Canada were also higher in the third quarter. A total of 71,529 new landed immigrants arrived in Canada during the third quarter of 2007. Over the same period in 2006 Canada welcomed 70,358 new arrivals.

British Columbia held its position during the third quarter as one of the top three favoured destinations. B.C. received the third highest level of immigrants after Ontario with 33,307 immigrants and Quebec with 13,900 immigrants.

Skilled Workers accounted for the largest share of total landings in the most recent quarter...

Skilled workers accounted for the largest number of landings into B.C. in the third quarter of 2007, closely followed by landings in the family class. During this quarter, 4,804 new skilled worker immigrants landed in the province. B.C. also received 3,660 family class immigrants, and 1,526 business class immigrants over the same period.

B.C. Share of Immigrants to Canada By Class 2006



Asian countries remain the leading source of B.C. Landed Immigrants...

The top ten countries accounted for about three quarters of total landed immigrants in the third quarter of 2007. China remained the leading source country, followed by India, the Philippines, South Korea and the United States. These five countries accounted for 53.1 per cent of all immigrant arrivals in this quarter. Taiwan, England, Iran, Thailand, and Japan were the other top source countries for this quarter and accounted for a further 19.3 per cent of total landed immigrants.

The Greater Vancouver area continued to be the top intended destination for B.C. Landed Immigrants ...

Over two-thirds of total landed immigrants to B.C. who arrived in the third quarter of 2007 stated the Vancouver area as their intended destination. Landed immigrants from Asia were the most likely to settle in this area at 68.5 per cent. A relatively higher proportion of immigrants arriving from the U.S., Caribbean and Africa settled outside the Vancouver area.

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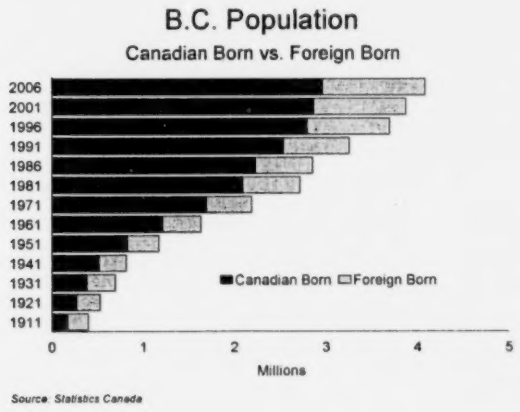
Immigrant Population of British Columbia

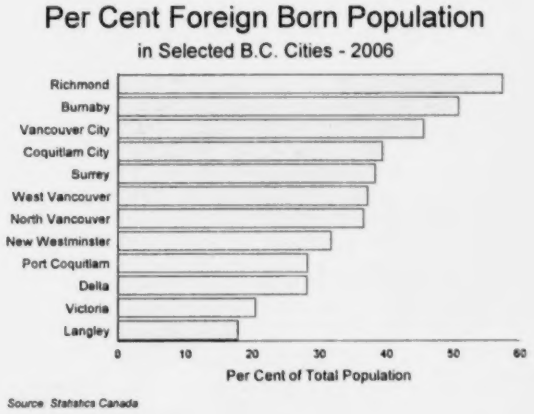
Immigrant population refers to people who were foreign born and have been permitted by Canadian immigration authorities to live in the country permanently. Due to high immigration inflows to the province over the last two decades, the foreign born population in B.C. has continued to increase to reach 1,119,215 persons in 2006, representing more than a quarter (27.5%) of the overall population in B.C. According to the 2006 Census, approximately 16%, or 177,800 of the 1.1 million new immigrants who arrived in Canada over the past 5 years settled in B.C.



Except for Ontario, B.C. had the highest proportion of foreign born population in 2006. The immigrant population has also grown faster than their Canadian born counterpart as indicated by the higher share of immigrants in the B.C. total population when compared to those recorded in previous census (22.3% in 1996 and 26.1% in 2001).

The census metropolitan area (CMA) of Vancouver was home to 831,300 immigrants in 2006, accounting for almost 40% of all the foreign born population in B.C. In the City of Richmond, foreign born persons out-numbered their Canadian born counterpart in 2006. More than one-half (57.4%) of the 173,600 residents in that city were not born in Canada. This made Richmond the top Canadian municipality with the highest proportion of immigrant population.

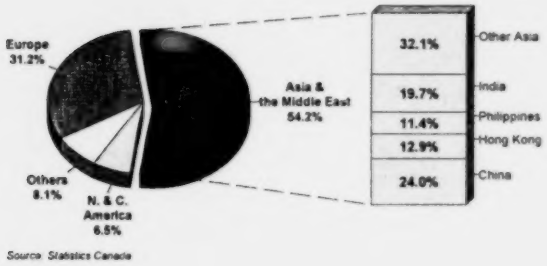
Among all Canadian cities, Surry had the fastest growing number of foreign born persons over the last five years. The number of Surrey residents who were foreign born had increased by 30.9 per cent between 2001 and 2006.



More than half of the foreign born persons living in B.C. in 2006 came from Asia or the Middle East. European immigrants accounted for approximately one-third of the immigrant

population in the province and the rest were mainly made up by immigrants from Africa and other world areas.

B.C. Immigrants Population
by Place of Birth - 2006

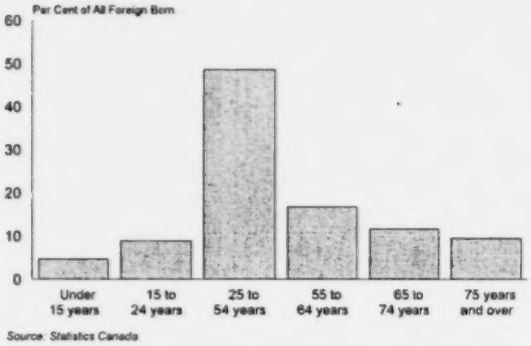


Of all the B.C. immigrant population in 2006 who were born in As... almost one-third were from China Mainland, followed by those from India, Hong Kong and the Philippines. Immigrants from China Mainland represented 13.0 per cent of all the foreign born population in the province, whereas India accounted for 10.7 per cent, Hong Kong 7.0 per cent and the Philippines 6.2 per cent. Immigrants born in the United States were the next largest group representing 5.1 per cent of B.C.'s immigrant population.

More than half (54.1%) of the B.C. foreign born population in 2006 had been living in Canada for at least 15 years. Approximately 15 per cent of the immigrant population in the province arrived in the country prior to 1991. A relatively higher proportion of the European immigrants had been living in Canada for a longer time when compared to those from Asia and Africa. In 2006, 81.2 per cent of European immigrants living in B.C. came to Canada before or in 1991, whereas 63.4 per cent of all Asian born immigrants in B.C. arrived in the country after 1991.

There were slightly more females than males in the immigrant population of B.C. In 2006, of 100 foreign born persons residing in the province, 52 were women. A majority of B.C.'s foreign born population were middle aged, with persons in the retirement ages representing the next largest group. Similar to what has been indicated by other immigration statistics, the 2006 Census also confirmed that recent immigrants to B.C. tended to be younger. More than half (56.7%) of the immigrant population in B.C. who arrived in Canada during the last five years prior to the 2006 Census were in the 25-54 age group. It has also been shown that recent immigrants to B.C. tended to have a younger median age than the overall population in the province.

B.C. Foreign Born Population by Age
2006



Approximately nine in every one hundred foreign born persons in B.C. had no English language ability. Recent immigrants - those who landed between 2001 and 2006 - reported an even higher percentage (14.8%) of English language deficiency. In 2006, nearly half of the B.C. foreign born population stated neither English nor French as the language they spoke most often at home.

"Census Fast Facts" is a series of feature articles published by BC Stats that focus on different aspects of British Columbia's demography based on the 2006 Census. Please visit: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/cen06/facts/facts.asp

B.C. Immigration by Area of Last Permanent Residence
July to September, 2007
Total Landings: 12,172 Persons

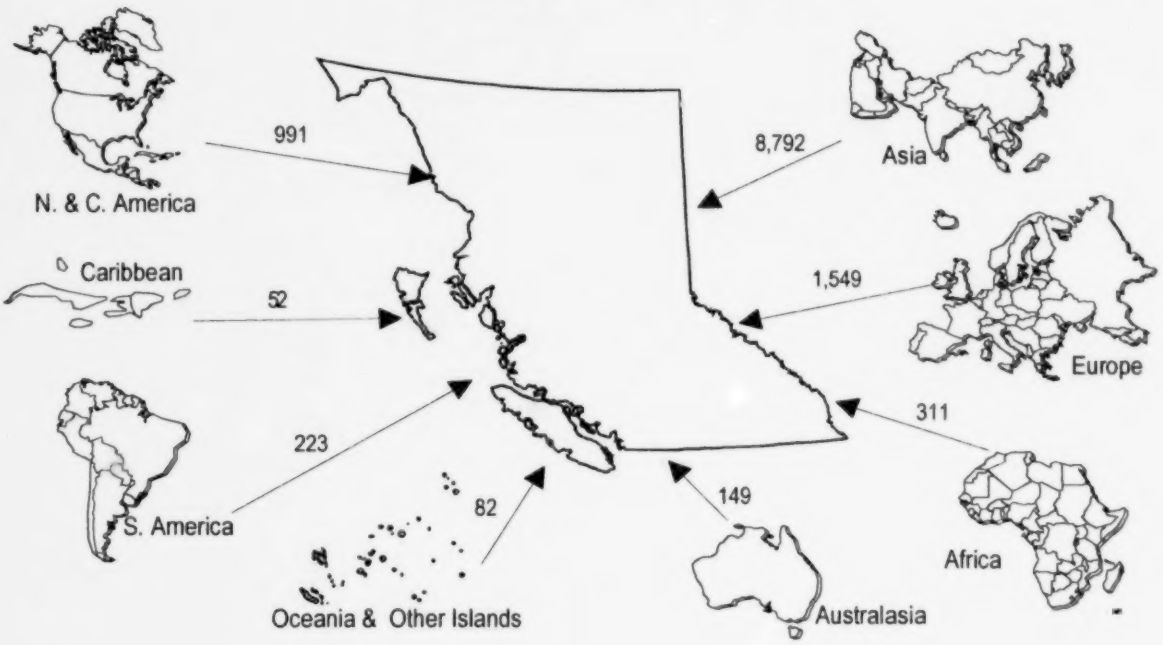


Table 1: Immigrant Landings to B.C. and Canada - July to September, 2007

SOURCE	Vancouver Area	Rest of B.C. *	Total B.C.	Canada	B.C. as a % of Canada
Europe	989	560	1,549		
Africa	184	127	311		
Asia	6,026	2,766	8,792		
China-Mainland	1,718	653	2,371	For current landings, C.I.C.	
India	704	836	1,540	is providing data for B.C.	
Taiwan	550	223	773	only.	
Hong Kong	108	49	157		
Australasia	97	52	149		
N & C America	621	370	991		
U.S.A.	480	321	801		
Caribbean	27	25	52		
South America	177	46	223		
Oceania	24	58	82		
Not Stated	17	6	23		
All Areas	**8,162**	**4,010**	**12,172**	**71,529**	**17.0%**

** "Rest of B.C." also includes immigrants with unknown destination. Many might have been destined for Vancouver Area.*

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Table 2: Immigrant Landings by Class

- British Columbia -

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes						Other Classes	Grand Total
			Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed		
1992	15,148	2,995	7,279	-	-	3,971	4,531	480	2,605	37,009
1993	18,458	1,492	10,446	-	192	4,073	6,867	677	3,735	45,940
1994	17,516	1,544	14,149	-	869	4,183	6,291	744	3,819	49,115
1995	15,308	1,875	18,439	-	1,176	3,508	3,036	956	278	44,576
1996	14,288	2,274	24,180	-	1,160	4,235	3,447	1,564	877	52,025
1997	12,917	1,996	24,730	-	874	3,336	2,257	1,250	482	47,842
1998	11,083	2,041	17,001	-	1,275	1,918	1,606	746	306	35,976
1999	10,990	1,896	17,739	11	1,338	1,865	1,519	659	111	36,128
2000	10,975	2,574	18,934	13	1,070	1,775	1,387	632	68	37,428
2001	11,823	2,199	19,768	24	880	1,618	1,692	444	27	38,475
2002	11,404	2,104	15,611	207	504	1,192	1,951	526	554	34,053
2003	11,572	1,827	16,235	441	758	914	1,760	338	1,386	35,231
2004	10,869	2,367	17,092	598	1,083	696	3,221	246	856	37,028
2005	11,723	2,159	21,812	789	1,080	871	5,359	289	689	44,771
2006	13,459	1,891	16,688	1,924	1,528	871	4,407	322	993	42,083
3Q2006	3,363	410	4,379	581	294	247	1,424	88	230	11,016
3Q2007	3,660	728	4,804	650	449	223	1,242	61	355	12,172

- Canada -

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes						Other Classes	Grand Total
			Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed		
1992	101,124	52,348	67,415	-	-	15,873	9,694	2,821	5,544	254,819
1993	112,668	30,622	69,922	-	3,013	16,711	12,625	3,390	7,751	256,702
1994	94,196	20,435	69,908	-	4,980	14,200	10,480	2,745	7,454	224,398
1995	77,383	28,093	81,733	-	5,457	11,429	5,160	2,854	761	212,870
1996	68,358	28,478	97,916	233	4,759	11,911	6,175	4,376	3,865	226,071
1997	59,979	24,308	105,648	47	2,730	10,404	5,595	3,927	3,400	216,038
1998	50,895	22,841	81,265	-	2,868	6,618	4,534	2,625	2,547	174,193
1999	55,278	24,398	92,495	477	3,261	6,154	4,265	2,599	1,031	189,958
2000	60,611	30,094	118,593	1,252	2,782	6,187	4,951	2,527	460	227,457
2001	66,794	27,919	137,235	1,275	2,625	6,091	6,339	2,156	206	250,640
2002	62,308	25,122	122,728	2,127	1,985	4,479	4,636	1,907	3,757	229,049
2003	65,130	25,984	105,224	4,418	3,304	2,978	3,695	1,427	9,192	221,352
2004	62,262	32,687	113,445	6,248	4,292	2,470	6,099	1,190	7,131	235,824
2005	63,357	35,768	130,252	8,047	4,552	2,849	9,606	1,014	6,794	262,239
2006	70,508	32,503	105,947	13,336	6,895	3,098	8,026	952	10,380	251,645
3Q2006	17,967	8,817	30,695	4,301	1,544	1,040	2,748	270	2,976	70,358
3Q2007										71,529

British Columbia as a Percent of Canada

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes						Other Classes	Grand Total
			Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed		
1992	15.0%	5.7%	10.8%	-	-	25.0%	46.7%	17.0%	47.0%	14.5%
1993	16.4%	4.9%	14.9%	-	6.4%	24.4%	54.4%	20.0%	48.2%	17.9%
1994	18.6%	7.6%	20.2%	-	17.4%	29.5%	60.0%	27.1%	51.2%	21.9%
1995	19.8%	6.7%	22.6%	-	21.6%	30.7%	58.8%	33.5%	36.5%	20.9%
1996	20.9%	8.0%	24.7%	-	24.4%	35.6%	55.8%	35.7%	22.7%	23.0%
1997	21.5%	8.2%	23.4%	-	32.0%	32.1%	40.3%	31.8%	14.2%	22.1%
1998	21.8%	8.9%	20.9%	-	44.5%	29.0%	35.4%	28.4%	12.0%	20.7%
1999	19.9%	7.8%	19.2%	2.3%	41.0%	30.3%	35.6%	25.4%	10.8%	19.0%
2000	18.1%	8.6%	16.0%	1.0%	38.5%	28.7%	28.0%	25.0%	14.8%	16.5%
2001	17.7%	7.9%	14.4%	1.9%	33.5%	26.6%	26.7%	20.6%	13.1%	15.4%
2002	18.3%	8.4%	12.7%	9.7%	25.4%	26.6%	42.1%	27.6%	14.7%	14.9%
2003	17.8%	7.0%	15.4%	10.0%	22.9%	30.7%	47.6%	23.7%	15.1%	15.9%
2004	17.5%	7.2%	15.1%	9.6%	25.2%	28.2%	52.8%	20.7%	12.0%	15.7%
2005	18.5%	6.0%	16.7%	9.8%	23.7%	30.6%	55.8%	28.5%	10.1%	17.1%
2006	19.1%	5.8%	15.8%	14.4%	22.2%	28.1%	54.9%	33.8%	9.6%	16.7%
3Q2006	18.7%	4.7%	14.3%	13.5%	19.0%	23.8%	51.8%	32.6%	7.7%	15.7%
3Q2007			For current landings C.I.C. is providing data for B.C. only.							17.0%

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Immigration by Destination by Class
Year 2006

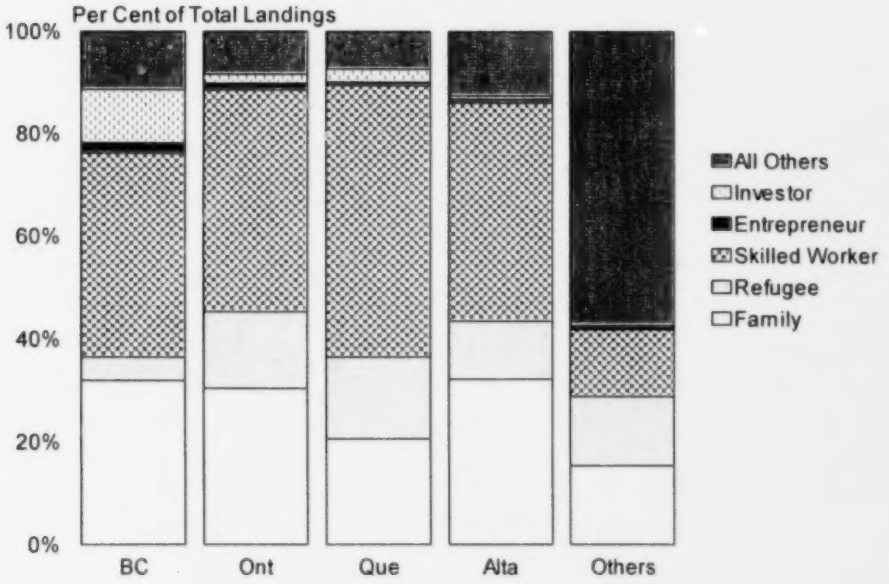

Table 3: Immigrant Landings by Province by Class

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes: Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed	Other Classes	Grand Total
2006										
NFLD	110	145	155	77	7	0	0	0	15	**509**
P.E.I.	46	59	24	423	0	0	1	8	4	**565**
N.S.	510	217	792	863	5	55	42	17	84	**2,585**
N.B.	249	178	194	967	12	5	12	2	28	**1,647**
Que	9,221	7,103	23,629	32	649	312	1,150	180	2,404	**44,680**
Ont	38,350	18,709	54,443	469	3,417	1,700	2,251	352	6,221	**125,912**
Man	1,332	1,238	594	6,662	76	9	12	23	101	**10,047**
Sask	477	626	537	960	61	0	14	10	39	**2,724**
Alta	6,678	2,334	8,822	956	1,121	146	137	38	485	**20,717**
B.C.	13,459	1,891	16,688	1,924	1,528	871	4,407	322	993	**42,083**
Territories	66	2	66	3	19	0	0	0	6	**162**
Not Stated	10	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	**14**
Canada	**70,508**	**32,503**	**105,947**	**13,336**	**6,895**	**3,098**	**8,026**	**952**	**10,380**	**251,645**
2007 Third Quarter										
NFLD										**135**
P.E.I.										**412**
N.S.										**754**
N.B.										**502**
Que			For current landings information, Citizenship and Immigration							**13,900**
Ont			Canada is providing data for B.C. only.							**33,307**
Man			Data for other provinces and Canada are from Statistics Canada							**3,079**
Sask										**1,103**
Alta										**6,016**
B.C.	3,660	728	4,804	650	449	223	1,242	61	355	**12,172**
Territories										**52**
Not Stated										**97**
Canada										**71,529**

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B.C. Immigration by Top 10 Source by Class
July to September, 2007

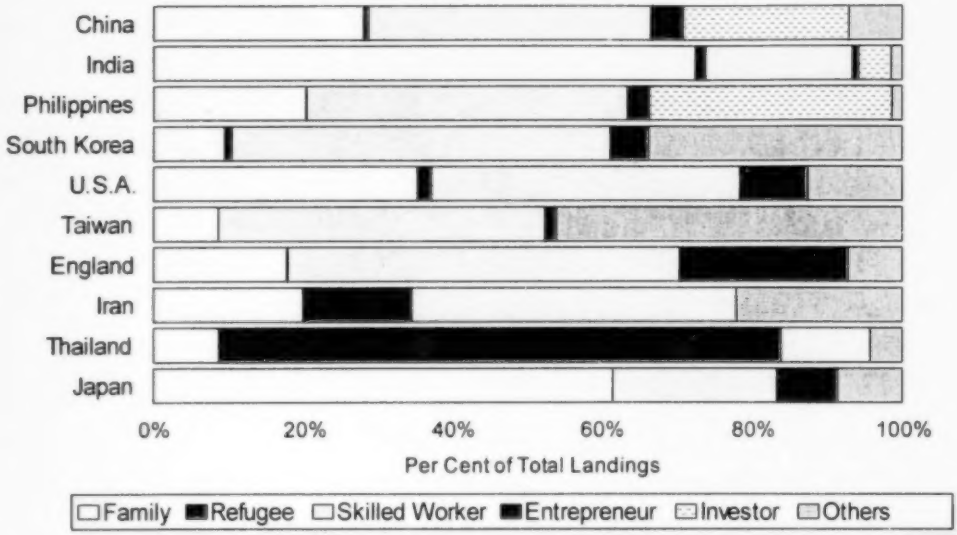

Table 4: B.C. Immigrant Landings by Source By Class, July - September, 2007

			Economic Classes							
	Family	Refugee	Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed	Other Classes	Grand Total
World Area										
Europe	381	24	807	228	6	16	21	12	54	**1,549**
Africa	79	110	88	16	-	-	-	-	12	**311**
Asia	2,661	509	3,329	280	430	198	1,201	27	157	**8,792**
Australasia	71	-	38	30	-	-	-	-	10	**149**
N&C America	344	44	391	75	-	-	12	21	95	**991**
Caribbean	22	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	7	**52**
S. America	60	25	97	19	-	-	-	-	13	**223**
Oceania & Isl.	30	10	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	**82**
Stateless	12	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**23**
Top 20 Source Countries										
China	661	16	897	136	-	103	524	-	29	**2,371**
India	1,114	21	302	13	67	-	-	-	18	**1,540**
Philippines	224	-	478	33	359	-	-	-	10	**1,110**
South Korea	87	9	469	47	-	19	271	-	23	**925**
U.S.A.	282	15	329	72	-	-	10	21	67	**801**
Taiwan	66	-	339	12	-	-	317	22	14	**773**
England	121	-	361	154	-	10	21	-	16	**687**
Iran	85	63	186	-	-	41	40	-	12	**429**
Thailand	26	227	36	-	-	-	8	-	-	**302**
Japan	99	-	35	13	-	6	-	-	8	**161**
Hong Kong	55	-	42	6	-	11	25	-	18	**157**
Singapore	11	-	116	11	-	-	-	-	-	**141**
Mexico	42	16	51	-	-	-	-	-	19	**138**
Vietnam	101	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**124**
Russia	42	8	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	**117**
Australia	50	-	22	25	-	-	-	-	9	**106**
Romania	16	-	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	**104**
Pakistan	24	24	39	-	-	6	-	-	-	**99**
United Arab Emirates	-	-	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	**94**
South Africa	20	-	45	15	-	-	-	-	-	**89**
Others	532	304	815	105	16	14	11	10	97	**1,904**
Total	**3,660**	**728**	**4,803**	**650**	**449**	**223**	**1,242**	**61**	**355**	**12,172**

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GLOSSARY

Business Immigrants-Immigrants in the Entrepreneur, Investor, or Self-employed Class.

Economic Immigrants-Immigrants admitted under the Skilled Worker Class, Live-In Caregiver Program, and in the business classes.

Entrepreneur Class-Includes those persons (and dependents) who intend to establish or purchase a substantial interest in a business in Canada creating or maintaining employment for more than one Canadian citizen.

Family Class-Includes spouses, fiancés, dependent children, and parents or grandparents sponsored by a Canadian citizen.

Investor Class-Includes those persons (and dependents) with a proven track record and substantial net worth who are willing to make a large investment for at least three years in specified activities that will contribute to the creation or continuation of employment opportunities in Canada.

Landed Immigrants-Immigrants who are granted permanent resident status in Canada, and who have actually entered Canada.

Other Classes-Include immigrants in the Retired Class (no longer exist), Deferred Removal Order Class, permit holders applying for permanent residence in Canada, and persons admitted under humanitarian/compassionate grounds, as well as persons admitted under certain public policy related to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Provincial/Territorial Nominees-persons who are selected and nominated by the provincial or territorial governments as immigrants. They are mainly skilled workers admitted to fill critical labour shortage in the province/territories.

Refugees-persons who meet the definition specified by the United Nation Refugee Convention. These include both government and privately sponsored refugees, Asylum refugees, and dependants abroad of refugees

Self Employed Class-Includes those persons (and dependents) who intend to establish a business in Canada that will employ him/herself, and will make a significant contribution to the economy.

For further information on the specific class of immigrants described here, please visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website at www.cic.gc.ca